GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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EXPENDITURE REFORMS COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Expenditure Reform Commission has been set up in his Ministry to givehis recommendations for reducing the existing wasteful expenditure in the Ministry and Departments thereunder;

(b) if so, details and composition thereof;

(c) the details of sectors identified in the Ministry/Departments thereunder and the quantum of wasteful expenditure identified therein during each of the last three years;

(d) the details of the recommendations made by the Commission as on 31/12/2001;

(e) the details of those recommendations yet to be implemented and the reasons for not implementing them till date; and

(f) the time by which these are likely to be implemented ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (f) No Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC) was set up in the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers. However, ERC was set up by the Ministry of Finance in February2000 under the chairmanship of Shri K.P. Geetakrishnan, former Finance Secretary and Shri V.S. Jafa, former Financial Adviser (Ministry of Defence), Shri C.M. Vasudeva, former Secretary (Expenditure), Shri J.S. Mathur, Additional Secretary (Budget) and Shri Kirit Parekh (Economist) as Members of the Commission. The Commission had submitted 10 reports covering 36 ministries/departments and 4 specific issues namely, Food Subsidies, Fertilizer Subsidies, Autonomous Institutions and Optimizing Staff Strength. As far as Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers is concerned, the ERC recommendations on rationalization of the Functions, Activities and Structure of the Department of Fertilizers aswell as the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals are based on certain assumptions and fulfilment of conditions. The implementation of recommendations are subject to the fulfilment of all assumptions and the conditions.